

**NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION  
APRIL 11, 2011**

A work session of the New Hanover Township Board of Supervisors took place at the New Hanover Township Municipal Building, 2943 N. Charlotte Street, Gilbertsville, PA 19525 at 6:30 PM on Monday, April 11, 2011. Present were Supervisors Martin Dyas, Douglas Muller, Ralph Fluharty and Andrew Kelly. David Brown was absent. Also present were Township Manager Edward C. Wagner, Solicitor Paul Bauer and Administrative Assistant Eileen Pogany.

**REVIEW AGENDA** – The Board of Supervisors reviewed the agenda and had neither comments nor changes.

**REVIEW BILL LIST** – There were no questions regarding the bill list.

Boyertown YMCA - Michael McDonough, Executive Director and Terry Geary, YMCA CEO were present to discuss the future uses of the YMCA Hollenbach Center. Mr. McDonough explained that the second floor of the YMCA building is currently not being utilized and that the Y is in need of additional area for its programs and activities. He explained that the Boyertown Wrestling Club is interested in working with the Y to prepare the upper level to be utilized for wrestling and also for Y aerobics studio/fitness training and for a children's class and rest area. He explained that the area is separated by a wall and that certain at times space can be allocated for wrestling and when not being used by the wrestling club, can be used for YMCA programs. Wrestling practices are anticipated to be scheduled November through February four nights weekly. The YMCA currently has 14 exercise groups and the upper level would likely be used for preschool gymnastics. He added that the use of the upper level is not expected to stress the septic system or increase the water usage. Mrs. Geary advised that Phase one of the YMCA land development plan had been completed and that the original plan intended that the upstairs would be used for childcare. Of great concern to the Board of Supervisors is the safety of the persons in the building in the event of a fire since the sprinkler system has not been activated and a public water supply is currently approximately 1,500 feet away; the cost to provide a water line is estimated to be between \$80,000 to \$90,000. It was noted that emergency lighting would need to be provided and that an elevator has already been installed and is routinely inspected per the certification requirements. The YMCA would like to begin using the upper level for their programs which begin in September and the Wrestling Club would like to begin their use in November. The Y was asked to contact Superior Water Company to inquire about possibility of obtaining a water supply and also to contact Fire Chief Agliano to assess the situation. It was also noted that a lease agreement would be needed between the YMCA and the Wrestling Club and a draft lease is to be prepared for review to be fine tuned in the event the uses are approved. The Board stated that they are interested in working with both organizations but also want to be assured of the safety of persons in the building; it was also noted that certain fees were deferred during phase I which could be called for if the plan were amended. The matter will appear on the work session agenda for the May 9, 2011 Board of Supervisors meeting. The work session adjourned at 6:55 PM.

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Edward Wagner, Township Secretary